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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.112

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

A listing of claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 12.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0456.